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Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-ninth session

Draft report

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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on the Status of Women held its fifty-ninth session at United Nations Headquarters on 21 March 2014 and from 9 to 20 March 2015. The Commission held _____ meetings (1st to __).

2. The session was opened by the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur of the Commission, Mohamed El-Bahi (Sudan).

3. At the 2nd meeting, on 9 March, a statement was made by the Chair, Kanda Vajrabhaya (Thailand), following her election.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Secretary-General; the President of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly (Uganda); the President of the Security Council for the month of March (France); the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea); the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme; the Executive Director of the Association for Women's Rights in Development; and a representative of the Voice of Libyan Women and member of the global civil society advisory group of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). A keynote address was delivered by the Chair of the Commission on Higher Education of the Philippines, Patricia Licuanan, and a statement was made by the Minister and Vice-Chair of the National Working Committee on Children and Women under the State Council of China, Song Xiuyan, as representative of the host country of the Fourth World Conference on Women.

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5. Also at the 2nd meeting, the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of UN-Women and the Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women made statements.

6. At the 5th meeting, on 11 March, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences provided an oral report in accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 16/7 of 24 March 2011.

B. Attendance

7. The session was attended by representatives of ___ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended.

C. Officers of the Commission

8. In accordance with paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/21, the officers are elected to the Bureau of the Commission for a term of office of two years. The following officers were elected at the 1st and 2nd meetings of the fifty-eighth session, on 15 March 2013 and 10 March 2014, and on the 1st and 2nd meetings of the fifty-ninth session, on 21 March 2014 and 9 March 2015, to serve on the Bureau of the Commission at its fifty-ninth session:[1]

Chair:

Kanda Vajrabhaya (Thailand)

Vice-Chairs:

Pille Kesler (Estonia)
Rubén Ignacio Zamora Rivas (El Salvador)
Christine Loew (Switzerland)

Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur:

Mohamed Elbahi (Sudan)

D. Agenda and organization of work

9. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 March 2015, the Commission adopted its agenda as contained in document E/CN.6/2015/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

[1] The following officers were elected for the fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions of the Commission: Christine Loew (Switzerland), at the 1st meeting of the fifty-eighth session, on 15 March 2013; and Mohamed Elbahi (Sudan), at the 2nd meeting of the fifty-eighth session, on 10 March 2014. The following officers were elected for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission only: Pille Kesler (Estonia), at the 1st meeting of the fifty-ninth session, on 21 March 2014; and Kanda Vajrabhaya (Thailand) and Rubén Ignacio Zamora Rivas (El Salvador), at the 2nd meeting of the fifty-ninth session, on 9 March 2015.

3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century":

   (a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/18);

   (b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men:

   (c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters.

4. Communications concerning the status of women.

5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions.

6. Provisional agenda for the sixtieth session of the Commission.

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-ninth session.

10. At the same meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.6/2015/1/Add.1.

E. Documentation

11. The list of documents before the Commission at its fifty-ninth session is available from www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw59-2015/official-documents.